

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### INTRODUCTION OF THE DECEPTIVE CENSUS LOOK ALIKE MAILINGS ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, as the 2010 Census begins, there are an increasing number of reports from around the country about mailings with bold lettering saying "Do Not Destroy," "Official Document," and "Census Document Registered To:" on the exterior envelope without any return address, when in fact, the mailing is not associated with the U.S. Census Bureau or the decennial census at all.

These mailings, many sent by political organizations, appear to be designed to resemble official census documents. I believe that no political organization, whether Republican or Democratic, should use the census for fundraising in this type of manner.

The constitutionally mandated decennial census has begun. It is a massive operation that includes a multi-million dollar taxpayer-funded advertising campaign to urge Americans to respond to the census and return it by mail. Return by mail is the cheapest and most accurate way to be counted.

My concern is that mailings that are designed to look like census documents and come in envelopes marked "Census," without clearly defining the sender, will confuse people and might affect the response rate. We must do everything we can to ensure an accurate, cost-effective census.

That is why today I am introducing the Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act. I am joined by original cosponsors EDOLPHUS TOWNS, Chair, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and WM. LACY CLAY, Chair, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives. The legislation would (1) require any mailing with an envelope marked "Census" to clearly indicate the sender and would (2) trigger an existing requirement in federal law to include a disclaimer that the mailing is not from or affiliated with the federal government. If organizations do not comply, then the U.S. Postal Service will take the appropriate action to stop them.

We must protect the integrity of census mailings, and the Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act will be an important tool in achieving that goal.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 2010*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for votes on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2 and 3, 2010.

On February 2, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 4495, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Post Office."

H. Res. 957, Honoring Jimmie Johnson, 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion.

H. Res. 1014, Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of North American Inclusion Month.

On February 3, had I been present, I would have voted:

H. Res. 1051, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act, on Ordering the Previous Question—"yea."

H. Res. 1051, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act, on Agreeing to the Resolution—"aye."

H. Res. 1043, Recognizing Brescia University for 60 years of leadership in higher education, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yea."

H. Res. 901, Recognizing the 49th anniversary of the first day of integrated schools in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yea."

H. Res. 1044—Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, a Nazi concentration and extermination camp, honoring the victims of the Holocaust, and expressing commitment to strengthen the fight against bigotry and intolerance, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yea."

On the Hastings (FL) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

On the Flake (AZ) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

On the Dahlkemper (PA) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

On the Cuellar (TX) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

On the Connolly (VA) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

### INTRODUCTION OF THE E-RATE 2.0 ACT

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 2010*

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the E-Rate 2.0 Act, an important advancement in the effort to update the successful E-Rate program for the 21st century. I am pleased to introduce this bill with my colleagues Representative LOIS CAPPS (D-CA) and Representative DORIS MATSUI (D-CA).

While the U.S. lags behind other countries in several key broadband categories such as adoption rates, there is one area where our country leads: Internet connections to class-

rooms. Our leadership position in this important area can be traced back to the 1996 Telecommunications Act, which created the education rate—or "E-Rate"—program. I was proud to be the lead author in the House of the legislation creating the E-Rate program. At the time the 1996 bill was enacted, only 14 percent of K-12 classrooms had Internet access, compared with more than 95 percent today.

Over the past 14 years, the E-Rate program has helped schools around the country connect to the Internet and other telecommunications services, enabling students to access a vast universe of educational information, communicate with other students around the world, and capitalize on opportunities that otherwise would be out of reach.

With the E-Rate's mission of connecting classrooms to the Internet largely fulfilled, now is the time for an updated E-Rate program—an "E-Rate 2.0"—to move the program into the 21st century. I have introduced the E-Rate 2.0 Act, which directs the FCC to implement three vital pilot programs:

The first pilot program narrows the digital divide through the distribution of vouchers to enable low-income students to purchase residential broadband service.

The second utilizes a competitive grant program to extend funding for broadband equipment and services to selected community colleges and head start facilities that best demonstrate need and incorporation of broadband use in their educational mission.

The third enables certain E-Rate applicants serving particularly low-income students to apply for significantly discounted services and technologies for the use of e-books.

The bill also would provide for an inflation adjustment to the current \$2.25 billion cap on the E-Rate program, so funding would increase with inflation. The bill also calls for the streamlining of the application process to improve the ease and accessibility of the application process.

As the scope of technology has expanded, the E-Rate program needs to keep pace. I am pleased to introduce the E-Rate 2.0 program today and look forward to its consideration in the future.

I urge my colleagues to join in cosponsoring this legislation.

**EASTERN WASHINGTON HONORS RETIRING U.S. ATTORNEY JAMES A. McDEVITT**

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 2010*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James A. McDevitt, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, who is retiring after eight years of outstanding service in that position and over three decades of service to America as a member of the U.S. military.

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